Anti-dumping duty by US on Steel Imports

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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has protested to the WTO against high anti-dumping duty by USA on steel imports from India and has written to the Chairman of the dispute settlement body of the WTO seeking its inclusion in the consultation process of the dispute;

(b) whether India, along with 15 nations of the EU and Japan, have also filed a joint complaint with WTO against a new US law which would award proceeds of the anti-dumping sanction to the affected American industry; and

(c) if so, the latest position of this matter?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) Yes, Sir. It was decided by the Government to raise a dispute with the USA under the dispute settlement mechanism of the World Trade Organisation in the case of imposition of anti-dumping and countervailing duties by the USA, on cut to length carbon quality steel plate imports from India. Accordingly, as part of the dispute settlement process under the World Trade Organisation, India sought consultations with USA, under intimation to the Chairman of the Dispute Settlement Body of the WTO. These consultations were held on 21st November 2000.

(b) Yes, Sir. On 21st December, 2000, India along with 15 nations of the EU, Japan and certain other countries had requested for consultations with the USA under the dispute settlement mechanism of the World Trade Organisation against an amendment to the Tariff Act of 1930 with the title "Continued Dumping and Subsidy Offset Act of 2000" by the USA.

(c) India and the other co-complainant countries held consultations with the USA under the dispute settlement mechanism of the World Trade Organisation on 6th February, 2001.